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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RICHARD T. SMITH, ET AL.

Appln. No.: 09/970,913

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: HIGH-SPEED, LOW-  
TEMPERATURE STERILIZATION  
AND SANITIZATION APPARATUS  
AND METHOD

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Examiner: Unassigned

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Group Art Unit: 1744

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February 11, 2002  
(Monday)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

US '344 is discussed at page 22 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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